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PATENT

IN

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Customer Number: 20277

Group Art Unit: 3736

Confirmation Number: 2684

Examiner: Rene T. TOWA

In re Application of

Yasuhiro KASAHARA, et al.

Application No.: 10/785,998

Filed: February 26, 2004

For: ANIMAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

<u>Transmitted</u> herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27

Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	35	43	0	\$50.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	2	3	0	\$200.00 =	\$0.00
		Multiple dependent claims newly presented			\$0.00
Fee for extension of time				\$0.00	
					\$0.00
		Total of Above Calculations			\$0.00

Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>500417</u> in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 4, 2006 having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire August 4, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows: